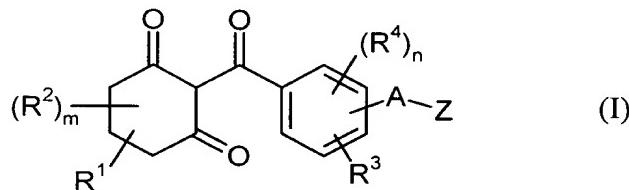


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel Claims 4-7. Please amend Claims 1-3 as follows:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A substituted benzoylcyclohexanedione of the formula (I),



in which

m represents the numbers 0, 1, 2 or 3,

n represents the numbers 0, 1, 2 or 3,

A represents a single bond or represents alkanediyl (alkylene),

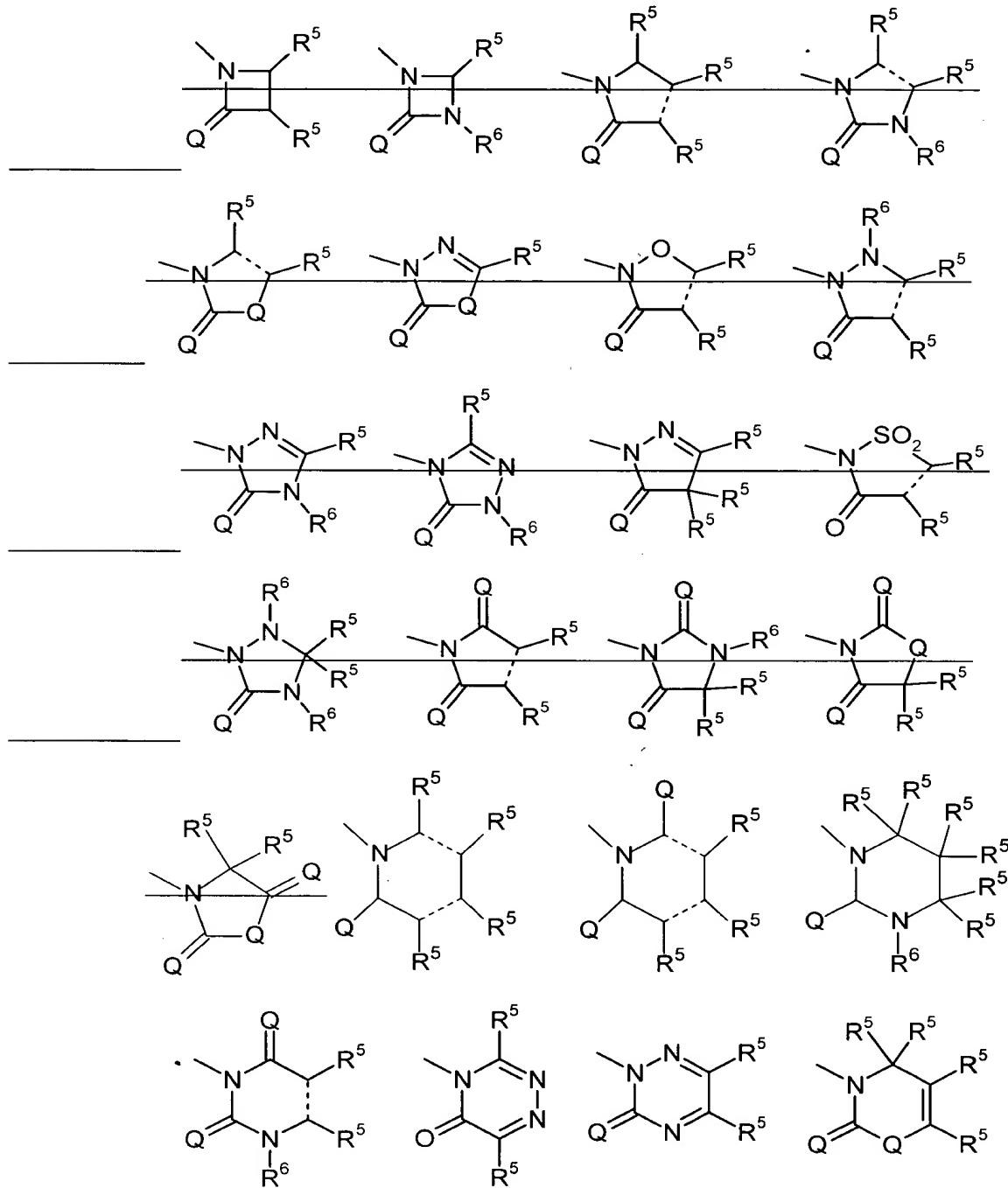
R¹ represents hydrogen or represents unsubstituted or substituted alkyl or alkoxy carbonyl,

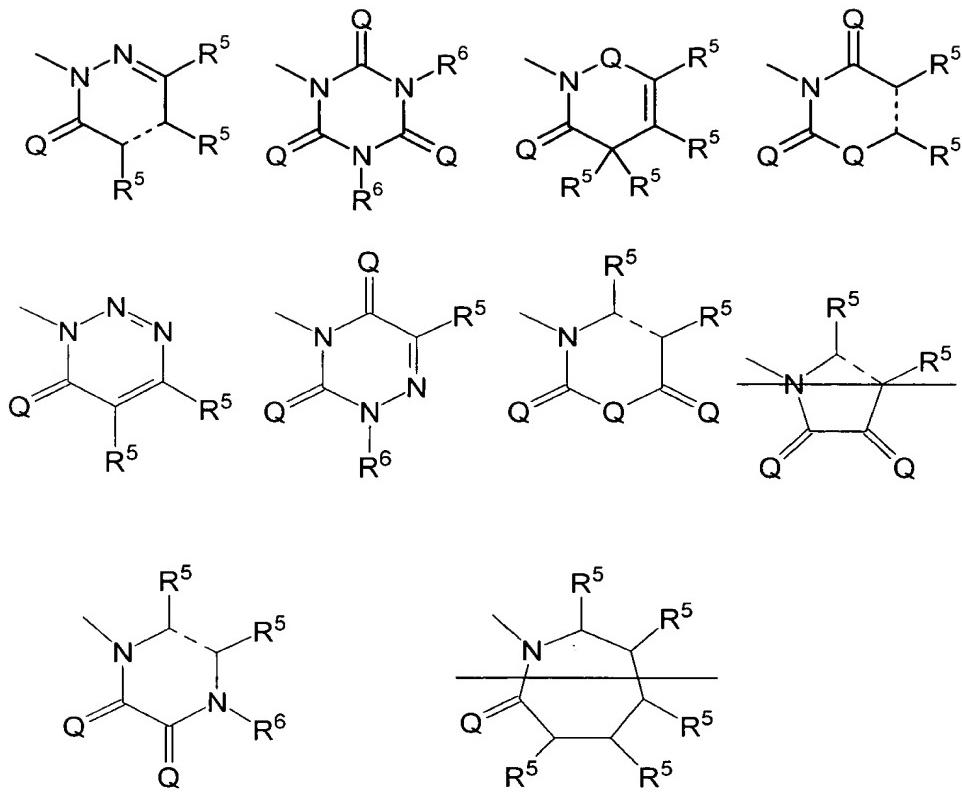
R² represents unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, or together with R¹ represents alkanediyl (alkylene) where in this case m represents 1 and R¹ and R² are located at the same carbon atom ("geminal") or at two adjacent carbon atoms ("vicinal"),

R³ represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, or represents unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulphonyl,

R^4 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, or
represents unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl,
alkylsulphonyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulphonyl, and

Z represents one of the heterocyclic groupings below





in which the bond drawn broken in each case denotes a single bond or a double bond,

Q represents oxygen,

R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, cyano, halogen, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphinyl- or C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl or alkylsulphonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted alkylamino or dialkylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkinyl, alkenyloxy, alkenylthio or alkenylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkinyl groups, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,

cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylthio or cycloalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenylamino, benzyl, benzyloxy, benzylthio or benzylamino, and

R⁶ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylideneamino having up to 4 carbon atoms, or represents unsubstituted or halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino or alkanoylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkinyl or alkenyloxy having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkinyl groups, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl or cycloalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 3 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together with an adjacent radical R⁵ or R⁶ represents unsubstituted or halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted alkanediyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms, or - in the case that two adjacent radicals R⁵ and R⁵ are located at a double bond - together with the adjacent radical R⁵ also represents a benzo grouping

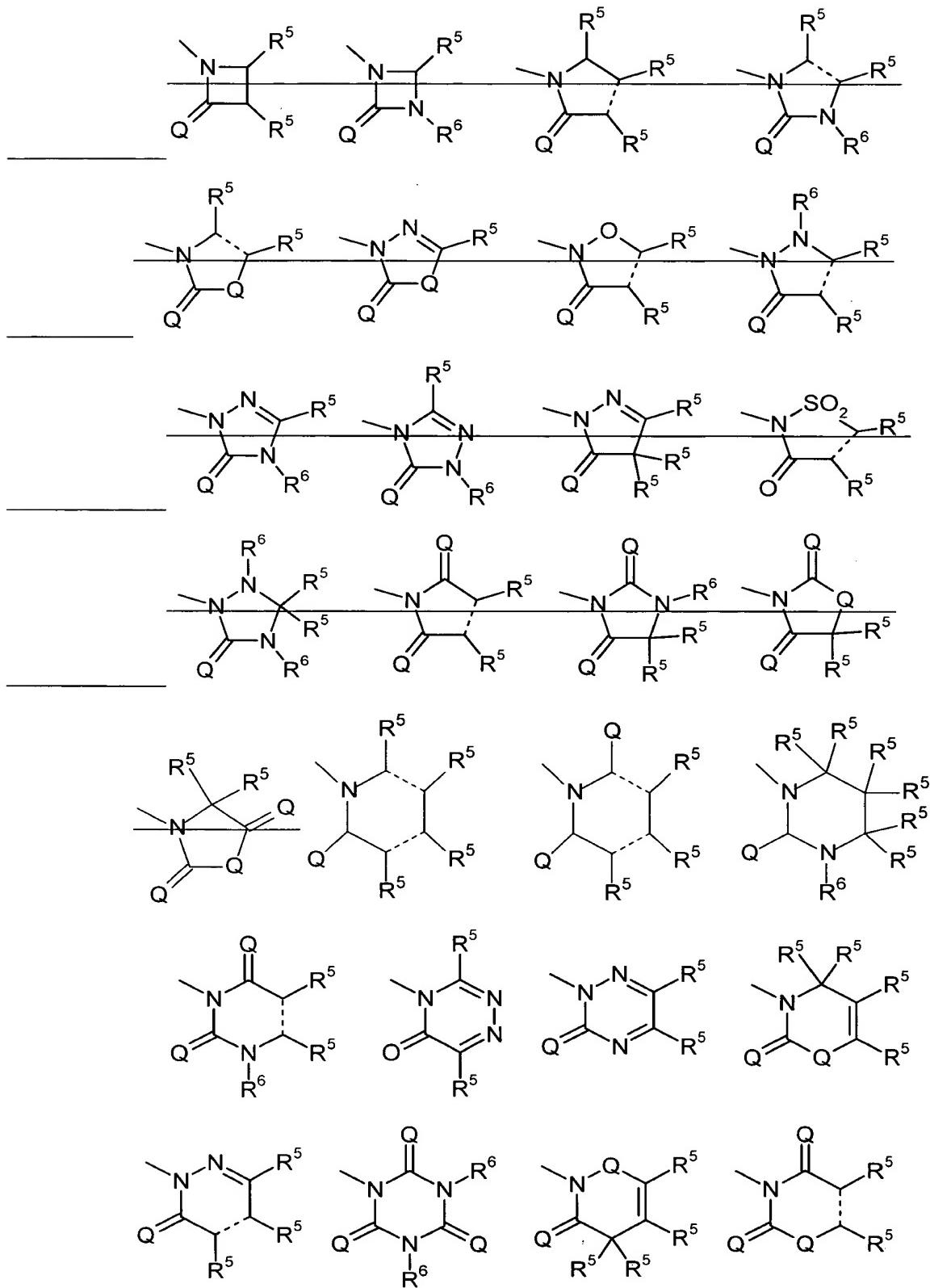
including all possible tautomeric forms of the substituted benzoylcyclohexanedione of the formula (I) and the possible salts of the substituted benzoylcyclohexanedione of the formula (I).

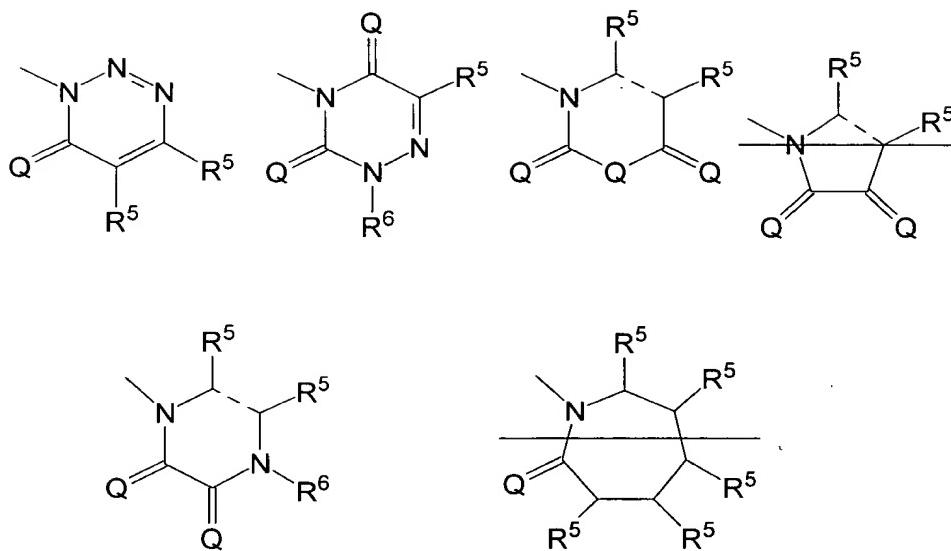
2. (Currently Amended): A substituted benzoylcyclohexanedione according to Claim 1, wherein:

m represents the numbers 0, 1 or 2,

- n represents the numbers 0, 1 or 2,
- A represents alkanediyl (alkylene) having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
- R¹ represents a single bond or represents hydrogen, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphanyl- or C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl-substituted alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or represents alkoxy carbonyl having up to 6 carbon atoms,
- R² represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or together with R¹ represents alkanediyl (alkylene) having 2 to 5 carbon atoms, where in this case m represents 1 and R¹ and R² are located at the same carbon atom (“geminal”) or at two adjacent carbon atoms (“vicinal”),
- R³ represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents unsubstituted or halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphanyl- or C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphanyl or alkylsulphonyl having up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulphonyl having up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups,
- R⁴ represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents unsubstituted or halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphanyl- or C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphanyl or alkylsulphonyl having up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulphonyl having up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, and

Z represents one of the heterocyclic groupings below





in which the bond drawn broken in each case denotes a single bond or a double bond,

Q represents oxygen,

R⁵ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, cyano, halogen, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphinyl- or C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl or alkylsulphonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted alkylamino or dialkylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkinyl, alkenyloxy, alkenylthio or alkenylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkinyl groups, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylthio or cycloalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents unsubstituted or

halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenylamino, benzyl, benzyloxy, benzylthio or benzylamino, and

R⁶ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylideneamino having up to 4 carbon atoms, or represents unsubstituted or halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino or alkanoylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkinyl or alkenyloxy having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkinyl groups, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl or cycloalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 3 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents unsubstituted or halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together with an adjacent radical R⁵ or R⁶ represents unsubstituted or halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted alkanediyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms, or - in the case that two adjacent radicals R⁵ and R⁵ are located at a double bond - together with the adjacent radical R⁵ also represents a benzo grouping.

3. (Currently Amended): Substituted benzoylcyclohexanediones according to Claim 1, wherein:

m represents the numbers 0, 1 or 2,

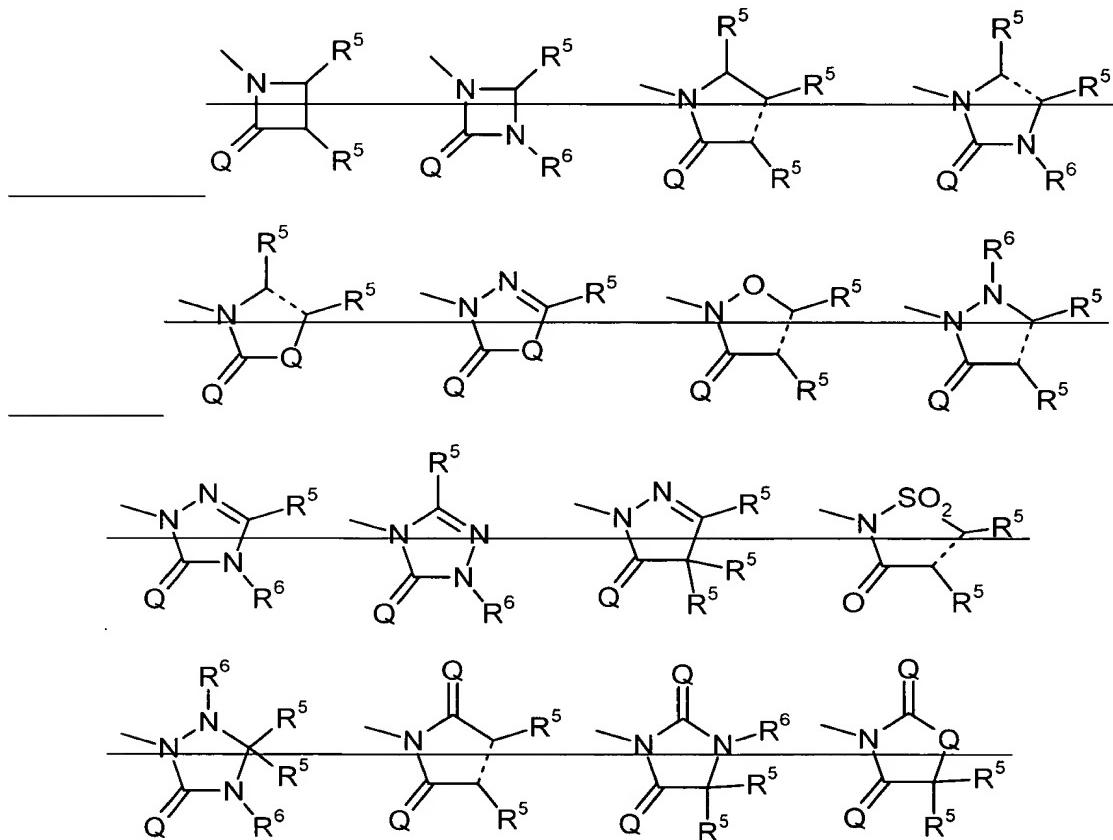
n represents the numbers 0, 1 or 2,

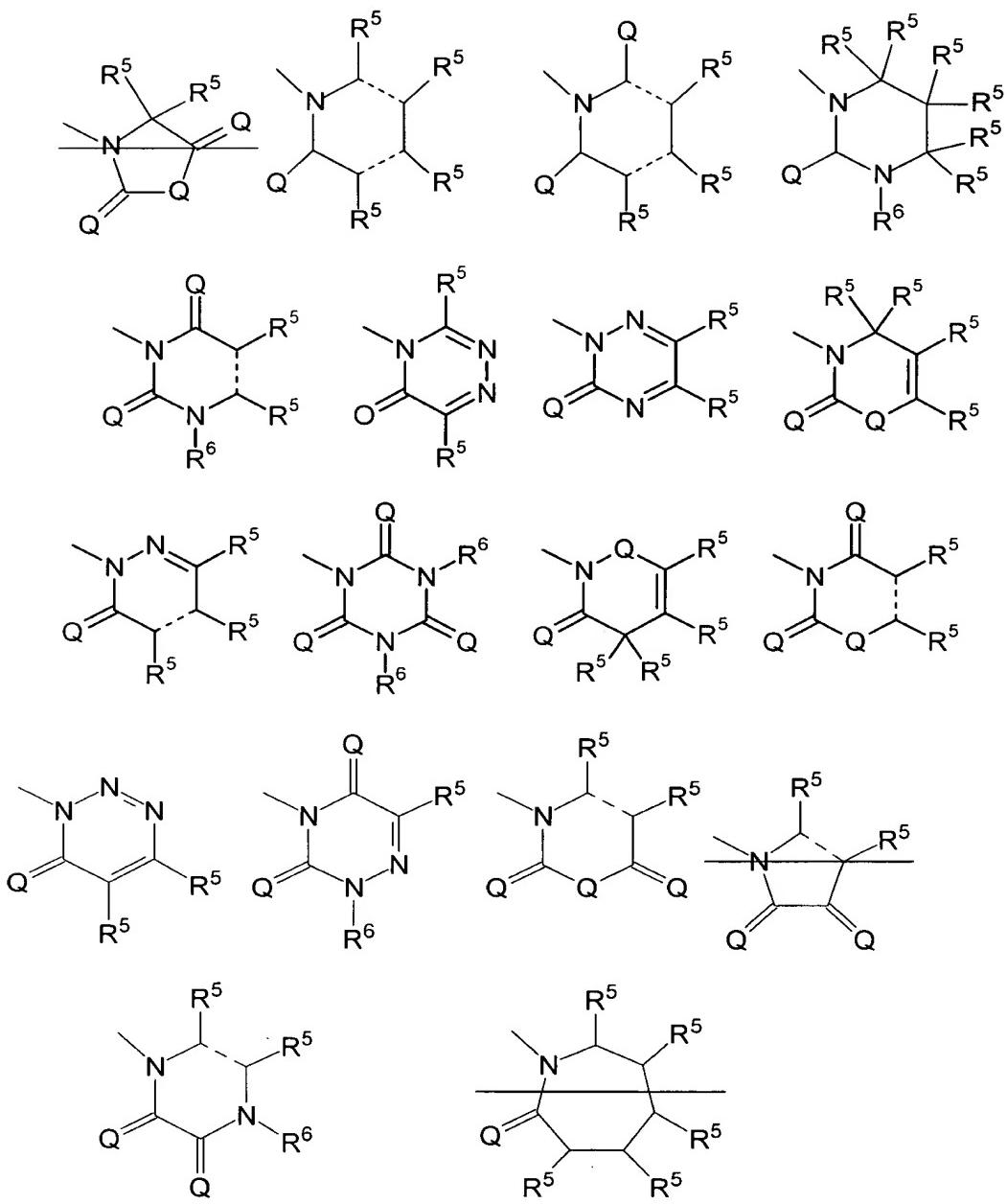
A represents a single bond, methylene, ethylidene (ethane-1,1-diyl) or dimethylene (ethane-1,2-diyl),

- R¹ represents hydrogen, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulphanyl-, ethylsulphanyl-, n- or i-propylsulphanyl-, methylsulphonyl-, ethylsulphonyl-, n- or i-propylsulphonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i- or s-butyl, or represents methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, n- or i-propoxycarbonyl,
- R² represents methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, or together with R¹ represents methylene, ethane-1,1-diyl (ethyldene, -CH(CH₃)-), ethane-1,2-diyl (dimethylene, -CH₂CH₂-), propane-1,3-diyl (trimethylene, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-), butane-1,4-diyl (tetramethylene, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-) or pentane-1,5-diyl (pentamethylene, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-), where in this case m represents 1 and R¹ and R² are located at the same carbon atom ("geminal") or at two adjacent carbon atoms ("vicinal"),
- R³ represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulphanyl-, ethylsulphanyl-, methylsulphonyl- or ethylsulphonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulphanyl, ethylsulphanyl, n- or i-propylsulphanyl, methylsulphonyl, ethylsulphonyl, n- or i-propylsulphonyl, or represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, dimethylaminosulphonyl or diethylaminosulphonyl,
- R⁴ represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine-, chlorine-, fluorine and chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-,

n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulphinyl-, ethylsulphinyl-, methylsulphonyl- or ethylsulphonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine-, chlorine-, fluorine and chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, n- or i-propylsulphinyl, methylsulphonyl, ethylsulphonyl, n- or i-propylsulphonyl, or represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, dimethylaminosulphonyl or diethylaminosulphonyl, and

Z represents one of the heterocyclic groupings below





in which the bond drawn broken in each case denotes a single bond or a double bond,

Q represents oxygen,

R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, cyano, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine-, chlorine-,

methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, n-, i-, s- or t-butoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, n-, i-, s- or t-butylthio-, methylsulphinyl-, ethylsulphinyl-, n- or i-propylsulphinyl-, methylsulphonyl-, ethylsulphonyl-, n- or i-propylsulphonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, n-, i-, s- or t-butoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, n-, i-, s- or t-butylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, n- or i-propylsulphinyl, methylsulphonyl, ethylsulphonyl, n- or i-propylsulphonyl, represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, n-, i-, s- or t-butylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, di-n-propylamino or di-i-propylamino, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine-, chlorine-, or fluorine and chlorine-substituted ethenyl, propenyl, butenyl, ethinyl, propinyl, butinyl, propenyloxy, butenyloxy, propenylthio, butenylthio, propenylamino or butenylamino, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine-, chlorine-, or fluorine and chlorine-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy, cyclopropylthio, cyclobutylthio, cyclopentylthio, cyclohexylthio, cyclopropylamino, cyclobutylamino, cyclopentylamino or cyclohexylamino, or represents unsubstitued or fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n- or i-propyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted phenyl, phenyloxy, phenylthio, phenylamino, benzyl, benzyloxy, benzylthio or benzylamino, and

R⁶ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine-, chlorine-, or fluorine and chlorine-, methoxy-, or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i- or s-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, methylamino, ethylamino or dimethylamino, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine-, chlorine-, or fluorine and chlorine-substituted ethenyl, propenyl, ethinyl, propinyl or propenyloxy, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine-, chlorine-, or fluorine and chlorine-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl,

cyclohexyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, or represents unsubstituted or fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n- or i-propyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together with an adjacent radical R⁵ or R⁶ represents unsubstituted or methyl- and/or ethyl-substituted propane-1,3-diyl (trimethylene) or butane-1,4-diyl (tetramethylene), or - in the case that two adjacent radicals R⁵ and R⁵ are located at a double bond - together with the adjacent radical R⁵ also represents a benzo grouping.

Claims 4-9. (Cancelled).

10. (Previously Presented): A method of controlling undesirable plants, comprising the step of applying one or more substituted benzoylcyclohexanediones according to Claim 1 to undesirable plants or their habitats.
11. (Previously Presented): A herbicidal composition comprising one or more substituted benzoylcyclohexanediones according to Claim 1 and an extender.

Claims 12-20. (Cancelled).